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**Office Action Summary**

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Tanim Hossain

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Smith et al (U.S. 2004/0024848), a division of now U.S. Patent 6,578,078, filed on April 2, 1999.

As per claim 1, Smith teaches a computerized content management system comprising: a receiving queue for receiving content (paragraph 0040); a content staging unit, coupled to the receiving queue, and including an operating system to validate the content for format consistency and verify its accuracy (0069) and process the content from a first format to a second format defined by the content management system (0069).

As per claim 2, Smith teaches the invention according to claim 1, wherein the content staging unit, while validating the content, further checks for description file information and provides such description file information, if missing (0078).

As per claim 3, Smith teaches the invention according to claim 2, wherein the content staging unit provides identity of the description file after checking (0078).

As per claim 4, Smith teaches the invention according to claim 1, wherein the content includes a content item having a search hierarchy and the staging unit cleanses the content item to ensure the content item and its search hierarchy are reliably linked (0061).

As per claim 5, Smith teaches the invention according to claim 4, wherein the content staging unit determines the search hierarchy of the content item and assigns the content item to the identified hierarchy (0061).

As per claim 6, Smith teaches the invention according to claim 1, wherein the content staging unit checks whether meta-data associated with the content is consistent with a previously defined format of the system (0125).

As per claim 7, Smith teaches the invention according to claim 1, further comprising a content error zone, coupled to the content staging unit, to receive any content item failing validation (0072).

As per claim 8, Smith teaches the invention according to claim 1, wherein the content staging unit notifies the content provider if the content failed validation (0076).

As per claim 9, Smith teaches the invention according to claim 1, wherein the content staging unit maintains a prior valid version of the content for access by the user should the content fail validation (0040).

As per claim 10, Smith teaches a method of controlling content accessed by an end user within a shared content environment, the method comprising: receiving at least one content item from a content provider (0040); checking for description file information (0069); backfilling information within the description file if missing (0039); determining if the content item is valid (0036); copying the content item with an associated description file within an archive (0068);

importing the description file to a content holding database (0072); and sending valid content to a holding zone (0072).

As per claim 11, Smith teaches a method of providing error control of content accessed by an end user within a shared content environment, the method comprising: receiving at least one content item from a content provider with the intent of making available the content item to an end user (0040); validating the content item is error-free (0076); making the valid content item available to the content provider for access to the end-user (0069).

As per claim 12, Smith teaches the method according to claim 11, wherein the validating step comprises cleansing the content item to ensure the content item and its search hierarchy are reliably linked (0061).

As per claim 13, Smith teaches the method according to claim 11, wherein the validating step comprises archiving the content item (0067).

As per claim 14, Smith teaches the method according to claim 11, wherein the validating step comprises: determining the hierarchy of the content item (0061); and assigning the content item to the identified hierarchy (0061).

As per claim 15, Smith teaches the method according to claim 11, wherein the validating step comprises checking meta-data associated with the content item is consistent with a previously defined format for the system (0125).

As per claim 16, Smith teaches the method according to claim 11, further comprising moving the content item to an error zone upon lack of validation (0076).

As per claim 17, Smith teaches the method according to claim 11 further comprising notifying the content provider that the content item failed validation (0076).

As per claim 18, Smith teaches the method according to claim 11, further comprising maintaining a prior valid version of the content item for access by the user should the content item fail validation (0040).

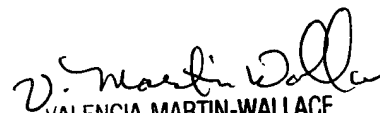
*Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tanim Hossain whose telephone number is 571/272-3881. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on 571/272-6159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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